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SUBJECT: OPERATION CLEARVIEW/SEAM 1975 - RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

IN THE STATES OF MICHOACAN AND GUERRERO

1. ON MARCH 24, 1975, DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR EDWARD A. HEATH MET WITH MINISTERIO PUBL NO BKFEDERAL PROSECUTOR)/ LIC. CARDENAS AT URUAPAN, MICHOACAN,/ MEXICAN, CONCERNING MFJP/ MEXICAN ARMY EFFORTS IN THAT STATE. UNLIKE OTHER AREAS IN MEXICOBN THE STATE OF MICHOACAN HAS TWO DISTINCT GROWING SEASONS FOR MARIHUANA AND OHIUM. DUE TO THE CLIMATE CONDITIONS, ONLY ONE CULTIVATION SEASON FOR OPIUM IS EXPECTED IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA. THE GROWING SEASON FOR OPISM IS LATE DECEMBER THROSGH MARCH.

2. THE OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN IN THE STATE OF MICHOACAN HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCNESSFUL DSE TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) THE GROWING AREA IS CONCENTRATED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE STATE; (B) ONE DISTINCT CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPY PER SEASON; (C) THE ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP OF ARMY COL QUINTANAR IN CHARGE OF 6TH INFANTRY BATTALION AT APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN, AND ITS CLOSE COORDINATION WITH YOUNG ENERGETIC FEDERAL PROSECUTOR LIC. CARDENAS.

3. ASSISTING THE ERADICATION PROGRAM WERE A 212 AND A 206

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UPAN, MICHOACAN. DURING
THE MICHOACAN CAMPAIGN, WHICH LASTED FROM THE MIDDLE OF
JANUARY 1975 TO THE PRESENT, 577 OPIUM FIELDS WERE DESTROYED,
COVERING A TOTAL GROUND SURFACE OF 1,368,346 SQUARE METERS ,
WITH AN ESTIMATED YIELD OF 30,446,211 OPIUM PLANTS DESTROYED.

BRM ON MARCH 25, 1975 DRD HEATH ACCOMPANIED LIC. CARDENAS
ON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE TARGET AREAS. DRD HEATH
OBSERVED AREAS WHERE FIELDS HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND ONLY FOUR
OPIUM POPPY FIELDS WERE OBSERVED, THE LOCATION OF WHICH WERE
MARKED AND UPON RETURN TO URUAPAN, LIC. CARDENAS ORDERED
THESE FIELDS DESTROYED.

5. RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WERE NOT UNDERTAKEN IN THE STATE OF
GUERRERO DURING THIS TIME. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED
OF GOM ERADICATION EFFORTS IN THIS AREA.
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